

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 4, 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2729
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2729, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make operating a motor vehicle while using a mobile electronic device a traffic infraction subject to a fine of:

- (1) Not less than \$250, to be deposited into the State Highway Fund; and
- (2) \$400, to be paid to the Director of Finance, for operating a motor vehicle while using a mobile electronic device in a school zone or construction area.

The Honolulu Police Department; Hawaii Bicycling League; Kauai Path, Inc.; and several concerned individuals supported the bill. The Department of Transportation and a concerned individual opposed the measure.

Your Committee recognizes that some ambiguity exists regarding what is specifically required to obtain federal highway funds from the United States Department of Transportation, exactly how the State currently fails to comply with such requirements, and how much money the State would receive from compliance with

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the unspecified requirements. Your Committee respectfully encourages further discussion of these concerns as this measure advances through the legislative process.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2729, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karl Rhoads". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. The first letter "K" is large and prominent. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

KARL RHOADS, Chair



State of Hawaii
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The Twenty-seventh Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2729 SDZ, HD1	Committee Referral: TRN, JUD	Date: 04/01/14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. RHOADS, Karl (C)	/			
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)				/
3. BELATTI, Della Au				/
4. BROWER, Tom				/
5. CREAGAN, Richard	/			
6. ITO, Ken				/
7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	/			
8. LEE, Chris	/			
9. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	/			
10. TSUJI, Clift	/			
11. WOOLEY, Jessica	/			
12. MCDERMOTT, Bob	/			
13. THIELEN, Cynthia	/			
TOTAL (13)	9			4
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;"> </div>				
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